

Senate Study Bill 3079 - Introduced

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ON EDUCATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the rights of parents and guardians of
2 students enrolled in school districts.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **279.76 Parent or guardian bill of**
2 **rights.**

3 1. All of the following parental rights are reserved to
4 the parent or guardian of a minor child without obstruction or
5 interference from the board of directors of the school district
6 in which the minor child is enrolled:

7 *a.* The right to know what the board of directors of the
8 school district in which the minor child is enrolled is
9 teaching the minor child, including the textbooks, books,
10 articles, outlines, handouts, presentations, videos, and any
11 other similar materials the board of directors of the school
12 district uses for student instruction.

13 *b.* The right to access and review information related to
14 who is teaching the minor child, including guest lecturers and
15 outside presenters.

16 *c.* The right to access and review information related to
17 persons who contract with or otherwise receive moneys from the
18 board of directors of the school district.

19 *d.* The right to reasonable access to the minor child while
20 the minor child is in school to ensure the minor child's health
21 and safety, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

22 *e.* The right to access and review all school records
23 relating to the minor child.

24 *f.* The right to access and review information related to the
25 collection and transmission of information related to the minor
26 child, including assessment information, documents created by
27 the minor child, and teacher evaluations of the minor child.

28 *g.* Subject to section 22.7, the right to access and
29 review information necessary to ensure the accountability and
30 transparency of the board of directors of the school district
31 in which the minor child is enrolled.

32 *h.* The right to access and review information related to the
33 minor child's safety while at school.

34 2. *a.* The board of directors of a school district shall
35 not require any student to engage in any activity, including

1 minor child, the right to access and review information related
2 to the collection and transmission of information related to
3 the minor child, the right to access and review information
4 necessary to ensure the accountability and transparency of
5 the board of directors of the school district, and the right
6 to access and review information related to the minor child's
7 safety at school.

8 The bill provides that the board of directors of a school
9 district shall not require any student to engage in any
10 activity, including instruction or any test, assessment, or
11 other means of evaluation that involves obscene material
12 without the express prior written consent of the student's
13 parent or guardian. The bill also provides that the board of
14 directors of a school district shall not allow a minor child to
15 access obscene material in a classroom or to check out obscene
16 material from a library without the express prior written
17 consent of the minor child's parent or guardian. The bill
18 defines "obscene material".

19 The bill provides that the rights guaranteed by new Code
20 section 279.76 are not a comprehensive list of the rights
21 reserved to parents or guardians of a minor child.